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SECURITY FROM "PRAJASAKTHI".

*155 Q:- Sri Pillalamarri Venkateswarlu: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state:--

(a) whether any security has been demanded from "Prajasaakthi", a Telugu daily; and

(b) if so, for what reasons?

The Hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:- "(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) For having published certain objectionable articles in the issues of 'Prajasaakthi,' dated 7th and 12th March and 8th 26th and 28th July 1947 which are calculated to bring the Government into hatred and contempt and to prejudice the discipline and administration of the Police force of this Province."

Sri Pillalamarri Venkateswarlu: "May I know what were the articles that were responsible for demanding security?"

The Hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:- "I have already stated the articles on which security was demanded. Not merely that, the hon. Gentleman knows what was written in the paper more than I do."

Sri Pillalamarri Venkateswarlu:- "May I know whether the Government are aware that one of the articles was on workers' minimum demands and that they were under the instructions of the All-India Trade Union Congress which were not all banned in any part of our country and another article was in criticism of the public Safety Act and the Criminal Tribes Act, which has been published by the Madras Mail in the same terms; and another exposing the police atrocities in the Munagala struggle which has been proved even before the Hon. Minister for Revenue and"

Mr. Speaker:- "The Hon. Member is making a speech".

Sri Pillalamarri Venkateswarlu:- "It is in a question form, Sir. Will the Government explain what the objectionable portion in these articles is?"

The Hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:- "I am grateful to the hon. Member for his long speech but I would like to point out that it is a matter for the Government to decide. What appeared in the Press may be correct or good in the opinion of the 'Prajasaakthi' but the Government thought that it may lead to indiscipline in the Police force and therefore they demanded security of this journal."

Sri Pillalamarri Venkateswarlu:- "My question was not answered, Sir ",

Mr. Speaker: "It was answered. We have spent half an hour in answering only five questions. I pass on to the next question."

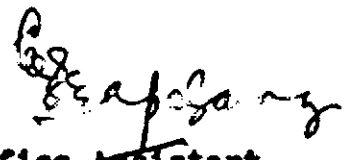
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